



TALE OF THE TAPE: Benton Harbor City Commissioner Greg Longpre looks glum, but actually he's pensive while contemplating adding machine tape that at this time showed city millage apparently winning Monday. His expression turned to smile when final returns put issue over by nearly 200 votes. (Staff photo)

Public Safety Cutback Vetoed

BH Approves Six-Mill Tax

Benton Harbor city voters decided Monday they don't want cuts in public safety and passed a six-mill operating tax proposal by nearly 200 votes.

The millage carried 916 to 725, losing in only two precincts of the Fourth Ward. Turnout was about 30 percent of the city's 5,500 registration.

The same issue was beaten by 121 votes in February when it carried only three of 10 precincts and 25 percent of the registration vote.

"This means so much to the City of Benton Harbor," said Mayor Wilbert Smith. "The people realized how serious the situation is and responded to the need."

JOB'S WILL BE RETAINED

Approval of the millage means that 23 jobs in the police and fire department will be retained for the fiscal year starting July 1 and that other municipal services won't be further slashed.

The fire department can begin hiring men to fill the nine

current vacancies. The jobs were vacated by retirements and resignations and were left open because of the financial uncertainty. Passage of the millage also will reopen the Southside fire station.

The police department ranks would have been cut by 14 if the millage failed. The department currently is authorized for 51 sworn personnel, but has four vacancies which probably can't be filled for several months because of mandatory training requirements.

The millage received its biggest margin, 2 to 1, at Lake Michigan Catholic Middle school (St. John's). It got the most votes at Senior high and St. John's school, both of which failed to carry it in February.

Smith complimented efforts of news media and block clubs for their work on behalf of the millage. The West Central Neighborhood organization hit the streets with a circular telling of the risks police and firemen face.

The millage is no panacea for Benton Harbor fiscal and physical condition, but it avoids turning a crisis into disaster.

Smith said a real solution could come from growth of tax base and the possibility of revenue sharing.

WILL RAISE \$100,000

The six-mill increase will raise about \$400,000 in the upcoming fiscal year. It guarantees wage increases to all employees. The six mills will run for 10 years.

An election was brought on by an arbitration board ruling to raise pay of policemen 8 per cent July 1, 1971, and another 8 per cent Jan. 1, 1972. The city commission said the raises should go to all employees to avoid further arbitration and strikes, but without more money police and firemen would have to be laid off because other departments had been cut previously.

Coupled with a four-mill hike last year, the six mills boost the city's total operating levy to the legal limit of 26 mills. Seven other mills are levied for trash and garbage collection, permanent public improvement, urban renewal bonds, library and pension funds.

Cass Farm Struck By Hog Cholera

JONES, Mich. (AP) — Hog cholera has struck this southwest Michigan area for the second time in as many years, meaning certain death for more than 2,500 animals and threatening the state's \$42 million swine industry.

The outbreak occurred on one of the same Cass county farms hit by disease in 1969.

State Agriculture Department officials reported the outbreak late Monday, saying the disease nearly always is fatal to swine,

but is not transmissible to humans.

"The only course of action is to slaughter the entire herd of infected and exposed swine and completely disinfect the premises," said Department director B. Dale Ball.

The hogs were being slaughtered today, with the carcasses to be disinfected and buried on the site.

The outbreak was confirmed on the farm of James Rentfrow, who lost some 1,800 hogs to the deadly disease in a 1969 cholera outbreak which cost Michigan its U.S. Department of Agriculture-granted "hog cholera free" status.

More than 4,200 swine were slaughtered in that outbreak, at a cost of some \$150,000 to state and federal agencies which reimbursed hog owners for their losses.

The newest outbreak was first suspected by Dr. Fred Aronson, a Three Rivers Veterinarian, the department reported.

AREA CORDONED

State veterinarians, fearing spread of the highly contagious disease to other herds, cordoned the area with security. Clothes and farm equipment were being disinfected and traffic to and from the area has been restricted.

Animal health inspectors are tracing the origin of the infected swine. One department spokesman said Rentfrow bought some of his hogs from a dealer, but they did not know yet where the dealer got the animals.

Meanwhile, other hogs within a mile of the affected farm have been quarantined and will be inspected daily for evidence of disease. Surveillance of hog

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NO PLANS TO RETIRE: FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, left, poses with Atty. Gen. John Mitchell, his wife Martha and Gwen Dobson, second from right, co-chairman of the American Newspaper Women's Club, Monday night in Washington. Mar-

tha Mitchell was honored by the club as Headliner of the Year 1970-71. Hoover, 76, said he has no plans to retire "as long as I'm healthy." (AP Wire-photo)

This Is Progress?

Hot, Smelly Saga Of Amtrak Pioneer

By JOHN S. LANG
Associated Press Writer

The car stank of sweat and unflushed toilets, and a generation of use with neglect. The lights, those that worked, were dim. The air conditioning with the inside temperature at 101 degrees, didn't work at all.

The aisle was a noisy tangle of four shirtless little boys, two wet-diapered infants held by their parents, an angry man in a powder blue jump suit and

Here's Updated Report On Train Service

Editor's note: A year ago, the Associated Press sent reporter John S. Lang on a train ride to report on the quality of passenger service. Now he has done it again, to test Amtrak's early performance. Here is his report.

was far better than last year when the Southern Pacific Railroad operated it with two coaches lacking head rests and reclining seats—the conductors called them "cattle cars"—and with a vending machine car selling hash at 55 cents a can.

The Amtrak train which left New Orleans on a Friday had two Pullmans, a diner-lounge car, three coaches and the automatic car.

Still, the accommodations gave scant comfort to those who made this trip. Even a passenger in the second Pullman had a roomette with panel doors that rattled and kept popping open, a toilet that flushed only partially and a faucet that leaked into the shelf below. Yet he was lucky; his car was air conditioned.

Not so fortunate were Drs. Harley Scheer, of San Francisco and Chuck Harlin, of Los Angeles.

The air conditioning in their Pullman functioned poorly from the start, failed entirely as the train neared El Paso and remained out the rest of the way to Los Angeles, a 40-hour trip.

To escape the stench and the heat, they retreated to the diner to slake their thirst and determine the exact temperature.

"I can do it medically," said Dr. Scheer, a neurologist, "then you see how long it takes him to cool off, or how long it takes him to go up to room temperature. If they don't fix the air conditioning soon, I'll have a subject."

Dr. Harlin, a physicist, remembered having a thermometer in his suitcase. He got it, reading 101 degrees.

"Along about midnight I could begin to get a little ugly," said

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DOUGLAS BUILDING BURNS: Fire last night gutted large, empty building located on Kalamazoo river in Douglas. At its peak, 45 firemen from the Douglas, Saugatuck and Fennville departments were on the scene. A few remained through the night to keep flames from breaking out anew. The 90 by 85 foot frame building, now vacant, once was

Morgan Ice Co. and later was used by Lloyd J. Harris Pie Co. It had been insured by owners, Everett Thomas of Ganges and John Diepenhorst of Saugatuck. Market value is \$40,000. Cause of the fire is unknown but state police are conducting arson investigation. Building reportedly had no electrical connection. (Prosch-Jensen photo)

No Real Test Yet?

Woodcock Worried About Car Imports

By A.F. MAHAN
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT (AP) — The continuing gain of foreign manufacturers in the U.S. automobile market is a cause for "grave concern," Leonard Woodcock said Monday at the beginning of his second year as president of the United Auto Workers Union.

The UAW president, however, insisted that imports, which now have a 16 per cent share of the U.S. market, have not yet been put to a real test by new American minicars.

Woodcock also insisted that differences in labor costs were

not a major reason for foreign gains, quoting a Ford Motor Co. vice president as saying only 65 to 70 hours of labor, counting tires and batteries, go into an automobile.

PRICE HIGHER

Woodcock said Chevrolet's challenging minicar entry, the Vega "came in at a higher price (\$2,190) than anticipated," adding that since production now is going so well he hoped

there might be a summertime price cut.

In reply to a question at a wide-ranging news conference, he added, however, that he had no information a price cut is in the offing.

The Vega was knocked out of production almost as soon as it started rolling by a 67-day UAW strike against General Motors last year.

HURT BY STRIKE

Woodcock said Ford's minicar, the Pinto, had been hampered by a strike against Ford of England and what he said was a wrong guess by Ford on what engine would prove most popular in the Pinto.

Woodcock, then a vice president, was raised to the presidency of the UAW by its International Executive Board after the death last May of its 4-year president, Walter P. Reuther, in an airplane crash.

Among other things, Woodcock also told newsmen:

He anticipates seven current groups representing Japanese auto workers will combine in 1972 into one giant industrial union similar to the UAW.

'POLITICS'

It is his opinion that politics is at the root of Teamsters Union President James R. Hoffa's failure to win parole from an eight-year federal jury-tampering sentence.

Woodcock's union must do some belt-tightening, it's general fund having been some \$10 million in the red last April 1.

A return to the AFL-CIO "is not presently contemplated."

He supports new contract demands of the United Steelworkers Union and says its members are entitled to protection against cost of living increases.

He cannot accept consumer advocate Ralph Nader's contention there is a conspiracy among the automakers to delay introduction of safety and pollution control devices, and is of the opinion the manufacturers should be allowed to collaborate in research and a development "with adequate government monitoring."

Woodcock considers the



LEONARD WOODCOCK
UAW President

three-year contract won at GM through a 67-day strike in 1970 his No. 1 achievement. It set the pattern for other settlements averaging 51 cents hourly the first year and restoring unlimited cost-of-living wage

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SJ Police Search For Shaggy Dog

St. Joseph police are asking residents to aid in the search for a light brown and white medium sized dog with long, shaggy hair. It may be a Collie.

Patrolman Craig Kettlehut said the dog was bitten in connection with the biting of a four-year-old boy Monday. He said the dog should be kept under observation for ten days, or the boy must receive inoculations for rabies.

Mrs. Joyce Wiltfong said her son, Jed, was bitten on the lower lip by a dog about 4:30 p.m., while playing in the front yard of their home, 707 Wayne street.

Mrs. Wiltfong said it required several stitches to close the cut. The boy was treated at Memorial hospital and released.

The description of his dog was provided by Mrs. Wiltfong, who said she tried unsuccessfully to catch it. The dog was last seen by her near Wayne and Market streets.

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North Shore-Lafayette

SJ Board Opposes Transfer

St. Joseph school board last night went on record against transfer of parts of the North Shore-Lafayette area from Benton Harbor to St. Joseph school district.

The action came at a special board meeting in Lincoln elementary school with six persons present.

No one was from the petitioning North Shore-Lafayette area. The next step comes Thursday at a hearing before the Berrien County Intermediate board at Berrien Springs.

The county board will consider transfer of North-Lafayette residents and hear arguments against the transfer.

Business Manager Dennis Percy was empowered to present the St. Joseph district's stand at the hearing.

A report by St. Joseph Supt. Richard Ziehmer showed the petitioning North Shore-Lafayette area bounded by the north boundary of the St. Joseph district, US-33, Zoschke road and Lake Michigan has between 50 and 65 students, 137 residents, 315 property descriptions, 95 vacant lots, (83 owned by non-residents and an equalized valuation of \$2,685,426). This amounts to about \$50,000 per child.

There is one elementary building built in 1948 and enlarged in 1952 and 1959 on a five-and-half-acre plot on US-33. No value of the building was given.

Ziehmer said that back in 1964-65 North Shore representatives discussed consolidating with St. Joseph, but the request was withdrawn, and in 1965 the Benton Harbor district was consolidated.

The six reasons for the St. Joseph board's unwillingness to accept the North Shore petition were listed:

The area traditionally sent its students to Benton Harbor high school; there is no provision for providing funds to purchase the existing building;

Complications arising in tax matters with a third government unit (Benton township);

The unusual aspect of annexing a portion of Benton Harbor (Jean Klock park and the Benton Harbor Pumping station).

The specter of double busing with St. Joseph and Benton Harbor buses running up and down US-33;

The possibility that additional children would dilute the \$50,000 per child tax base now;

Dr. Dean K. Ray, board president noted that "after many years of careful planning the future growth of this district and having a reasonable idea of where we are going and having planned for it, if we piecemeal add to our district it won't be very long before we are completely disarranged in our future plans."

In other matters: Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank of Flint bid 3.79 per cent interest on \$200,000 tax anticipation notes. The only other bid was by the Peoples State bank of St. Joseph which bid four per cent. It was the first time in years that the St. Joseph financial institution had been under bid.

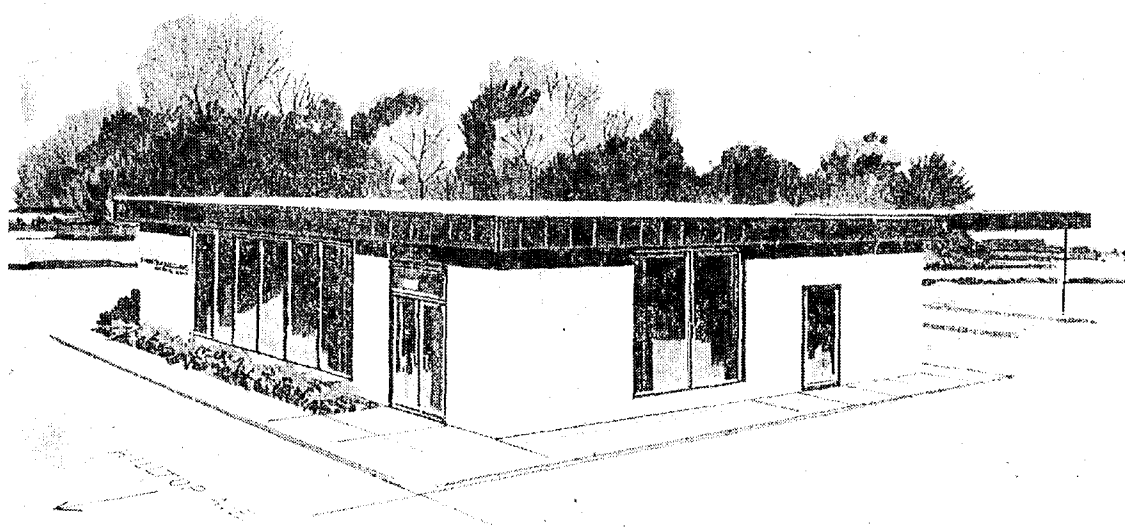
The board accepted the low bid of Pearson Construction Co., Inc. of Benton Harbor for work at Lakeview Gard school at \$7,530, the lowest of three bids.

The project includes preparing and blacktopping an area 50 by 90 feet, erecting a six-foot chain link fence and installing a steel roof covering an area 30 by 50 feet.

Principal Mary Wilhelmson of Gard schools said the funds will come from the Civic Benefit club. The project is known as a coordination park and will have a variety of exercise equipment for retarded youngsters.

Mrs. Wilhelmson also announced that Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Starke have donated a greenhouse to the Hilltop Gard school.

Ziehmer said preparation for the June 14 election information campaign is underway. Meetings with workers have been held and were well attended with 80 per cent of the volunteers on hand. Questions were catalogued and these questions and their answers will be used at the public meetings. Expenses for publications will be underwritten by the St. Joseph education association.



SKETCH OF F&M BRANCH: Sketch shows Farmers & Merchants branch bank at Hilltop and Washington avenue, St. Joseph township, as artist conceives it will appear when open for business Sept. 1. Ground was broken May 4 and construction

on the 36 by 60-foot building is proceeding on schedule. It will be of light brown brick with bronze aluminum fascia and canopy over four drive-in windows.

Real Estate Agents Asked To Help End 'White Flight'



HAROLD HANSEN Asks Realtors Help

Harold Hansen, a Benton Harbor resident and president of the West Central Neighborhood Organization last night called for real estate agents to help discourage "white flight" from the city and to promote a "neighborhood acceptance of integration."

Addressing the city commission, Hansen said his neighborhood organization is asking the commission to take the first step in "inviting the realtors, businessmen, industrialists and interested citizens to a meeting

in a true effort to study and solve this seemingly insurmountable problem."

The commission last night took no immediate action, but indicated the request will be studied. Among commissioners, strong support for Hansen's proposal was voiced by Virgil May.

Hansen reminded that this week has been designated as National Realtor Week, and said: "Many an accusing finger has been pointed at real estate brokers in this area for the problems that are now confronting our city. Yet, their pattern of selling property within the city has not been changed over the period of years and they (the brokers) have never pre-

sented an argument in their own defense."

Hansen cited an article written in 1963 by Eugene P. Conser, executive vice president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards:

NO LAW BROKEN

"The irresponsible real estate broker can and will capitalize on fair housing laws whenever they exist. This is something the politicians, in their rush to capture votes, have not foreseen. Now, the broker can act as a block buster under the protection of the law. By bringing into a neighborhood an unwelcome Negro family, he

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Attorneys Want Case Reopened

Attorneys for a Benton Harbor bookstore that was barred last year by Berrien circuit court order from selling several hundred different publications appeared in circuit court Monday seeking to reopen the case.

Judge Chester J. Byrns, the same judge who a year ago found several hundred publications to be obscene, barred them from sale at the bookstore and ordered them destroyed by the county sheriff, on Monday gave attorneys for Midwest News Service 30 days to file briefs in support of their motion to set aside a default judgement banning the sales and ordering the publications destroyed.

Attys. James L. Theophilis of Lansing and Stephen M. Taylor of Detroit argued by motion that the bookstore's publications were unlawfully seized and court orders improperly granted.

Judge Byrns questioned the defendant bookstore's legal right to be in court almost a year after the default was entered and gave the defense attorneys 30 days to file a brief supporting their motion to set aside the default.

Benton Harbor City Atty. Samuel Henderson said the sheriff has retained publications ordered destroyed pending the outcome of the defendant's motions. The sheriff had been ordered not to destroy them for a year.

No Fire Damage

Benton Harbor firemen at 5:35 p.m. Monday were called to Lincoln's Barbecue House, 885 Broadway, when rain falling on exposed exterior wires caused sparks. Firemen said the wires were left exposed after a neon sign had been removed. No damage was reported.

LMC Approves Campus Return; Taxes Reduced

Trustees of Lake Michigan college last night approved an agreement under which the Britain avenue campus will be returned to Benton Harbor school district, except for the Upton Memorial Technical center, almost immediately.

President James Lehman said the college will move out of the leased campus facilities before the end of May, and that the Benton Harbor district will be able to begin remodeling for its own purposes by that time.

The trustees last night, with some flourishes, approved a recommendation by President Lehman that the tax levy for debt retirement for the new campus construction be cut over nine per cent. The debt levy will be trimmed from .55 of a mill to .49 of a mill. For a homeowner with a \$10,000 equalized valuation, it will be a \$5.10 saving, according to business Vice President William Niemi.

Lehman and Niemi explained the cut can be made on the 1971 tax bill because of the increase in the district's state equalized valuation.

Another bit of good news at the May meeting of the board was a report that a federal grant of \$105,303 has been given final approval for Phase III construction at the new campus. Phase III work is expected to start this fall.

Trustees commended the Benton Harbor police department for the recovery of approximately \$1,000 worth of calculators, tape recorders and other equipment stolen from the old campus in recent months. Leh-

man said plainclothes officers spotted a man, who was unfamiliar to college personnel, and were able to recover part of the loot that was estimated at \$2,500. As the man is now being held on more serious charges in connection with another incident, no charges have been made for the college thefts.

Special resolutions of commendation and good wishes were presented to Eugene Morgan, who is retiring after 24 years as an instructor and an outstandingly successful basketball coach at LMC, and to Mrs. Neva Bennett, who has conducted a reading improvement program for the past five years at LMC. Mrs. Bennett is ending 28 years in the teaching profession, all but the first three in the Twin Cities area.

The agreement terminating the college lease on the Britain avenue campus returns all of the 16 acres of grounds, the main classroom building and the pre-fabricated gymnasium, to Benton Harbor schools, effective July 1.

The college reserves possession of the technical center for two years, by which time its technologies building on the new campus will be completed in Phase III construction. The college will not be charged rent for the last two years. Also reserved is a small parking lot



LMC TEACHERS RETIRE: Eugene Morgan (right) who is retiring after teaching at Lake Michigan college through all but the first one of college's 25 years, and Mrs. Neva Bennett, reading improvement teacher, receive personal best wishes for their retirement years from Dean Kimmerly (left), chairman of LMC board of trustees. Board adopted warm resolutions of appreciation for services of two instructors. (Staff photo)

near the front of the technical center, and an access driveway and a narrow strip of ground around the center to permit maintenance and repair. The option in the original lease that would have allowed the college to purchase the Britain campus is terminated completely.

SAVES \$110,000 President Lehman estimated the college will save \$110,000 by turning the property back to Benton Harbor now.

In other actions last night, the board:

—Granted one year leave to

Miss Kay Griggs, languages instructor, for doctoral studies at University of Michigan.

—Reduced the retention of payments to the Phase II contractor, Pearson Construction Co., \$50,000 from a 5 per cent figure that amounted to approximately \$204,000.

—Established three new positions: 1. A licensed chief engineer; 2. a second groundsman; 3. a third staff position in the business office.

—Cut summer work hours for the college secretarial staff a

half-hour a day, by advancing closing hours from 4:30 to 4 o'clock.

—Approved purchase of 300 yards of the factory overrun of carpeting used in Phase II buildings, for \$7.72 per yard delivered.

—Received a report that Phase II is 93-plus per cent completed.

The next meeting of the board was changed from the usual fourth Monday date to Tuesday, June 22.

St. Joe Joins Area Study On Transportation

St. Joseph city commissioners last night approved the city's participation in a state directed Twin Cities area long-range transportation study.

The total cost of the study to be conducted by the State Highway Department will be \$163,495 with \$21,000 coming from 10 local government units, according to City Manager Leand Hill. St. Joseph's share will be \$2,690.10.

The State Highway Department plans an in-depth origin-destination study of traffic to

form a long-range transportation plan for the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph urban area. The study will tell the state where area traffic is coming from, where it is going, and where future roads should be built, Hill explained.

Sharing local costs will be: Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, Shorcham, Stevensville, and the townships of Benton, Lincoln, Royalton, St. Joseph, and Sodus. The tenth unit will be the Berrien County Road Commission.

REDUCE RATES

In other action, commissioners adopted a resolution reducing water rates for the summer quarter by one-third to encourage sprinkling and beautification of lawns by city residents.

Gave approval to the final step in widening and blacktopping the turning lane on the north side of Hilltop road from Lake-shore Drive east to Heath company. The total cost is estimated at \$19,335 with half being federal money channeled through the state. The city's half comes in machinery, equipment and labor, Hill said. The main purpose is to handle the heavy flow of traffic from Heath company, and the next few years will probably see the total widening of Hilltop road, Hill added.

Passed a first resolution for alley paving from South State street east to the existing alley between Botham and Columbia avenues. A public hearing on the action will take place in three weeks. About 91 per cent of residents with property frontage on the alley petitioned for the paving, Hill said.

Approved a request by St. Joseph Post No. 206 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for a "poppy sale" on Friday and Saturday May 28 and 29. The post had also asked for Thursday May 27 but the commissioners turned this down. Mayor W. H. "Duke" Ehrenberg said three days on such a request went against commission precedents and was too much.

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Gave an excused absence to Commissioner Joseph A. Hanley, a St. Joseph industrialist elected in the April 5 election for the vacant city commission seat. This was the fourth meeting Hanley has missed due to a European trip. According to the city charter, if a commissioner

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Physical Fitness Encouraged

South Haven Planners Eye Bike Trails

By TOM RENNER

SOUTH HAVEN — Members of the city planning commission and several interested citizens are contemplating the establishment of marked bicycle trails in the South Haven area.

One citizen, Bud Visser, has even plotted an 18-mile bike trail for the Sunday afternoon bicycle adventurer.

The idea for the creation of a bicycle trail was suggested by members of the commission as a means of encouraging physical fitness for local citizens as well as offering "something different" for visiting tourists.

THINKING STAGE
The marked trail idea is still in the thinking stages although bicycle enthusiasts admittedly need little more than the shoulder of a road.

One of the nation's first bikeways was created in 1962 in Homestead, Fla. Interest increased to a point that in 1966 the U.S. Department of Interior recommended a national scenic bike trail that would have passed through South Haven and most of southwestern Michigan.

The proposed bike trail would

have stretched through the Appalachians from northern Vermont to West Virginia, headed northwest through Ohio, followed the Lake Michigan and Lake Superior shorelines through Michigan, and headed west to the Badlands of North Dakota.

The federal proposal never materialized although some states, such as Wisconsin, picked up the idea. Wisconsin's bikeway stretches 320 miles.

Commission Members Gerald MacKenzie and Joseph Seiler have been most interested in the idea. They suggest that the city use abandoned railroad tracks for bicycle and hiking trails as well as designate certain streets for bike paths during certain times.

Until a more formal marked route is designated here's the one suggested by Visser:

—Go north on North Shore Drive and cross over Blue Star Memorial Highway and the I-196 overpass;

—turn right onto 72nd street;

—turn left and follow the hill down Baseline road;

—turn left onto 71 1/2 street;

—At this point if you're tired already the trail can be short-

ened by returning to South Haven via CR 388, 6th avenue or Aylworth avenue.

If you continue, then turn right from 71 1/2 street onto Aylworth avenue and then onto 72nd street;

—follow 72nd street to M-43 and 12th avenue;

—At this point those who want to return to South Haven can do so by following M-43 into town.

If you still aren't tired then

turn right on 12th avenue and peddle to 73rd street. Then turn left;

—Take 73rd to 16th avenue and then turn right;

—Take 16th avenue to the Interstate 196, turn right and

then follow the interstate to 14th avenue;

—make a left turn onto 14th avenue and stay on it until you come to Monroe boulevard. Then follow Monroe into town—and a rest.



CYCLING ENTHUSIASTS: Mr. and Mrs. Bud Visser and their children, Patricia and John, are among several South Haven area residents supporting a proposed marked bicycle trail. Until a marked trail is devised Visser has suggested one for hearty South Haven area peddlers. (Tom Renner photo)

Rabies Danger Rises As Days Get Warmer

Warm weather brings increased contact between humans and animals and a bigger chance for animals to infect humans with rabies, according to the medical consultant to the Berrien county health department.

Bangor Has Land To Sell

BANGOR — The Bangor city council agreed last night to seek bids on a parcel of city-owned land in industrial park, off Arlington road.

Deadline for bids is 4 p.m. June 14. They will be opened at a meeting of the council at 7:30 p.m.

In other business, the council: —Voted to pay \$323.32 to Michigan School Service for blackboards in the city's fire house-to-be, currently leased to Bangor public schools.

—Heard Assessor Bill Kruger report that the city's assessed valuation, both real and personal, has been set at \$6,519,383.

—Read a letter from David Wallon, Bangor resident, seeking establishment of a city housing commission.

—Held the first reading of proposed city ordinance regulating the keeping of animals.

—Accepted the \$567.89 bid of Earl Perry, Bangor, on a used mower.

—Granted permission to the Bangor Jaycees to conduct a one-ring circus, June 11, in the city hall park, benefitting the Van Buren Retarded Children's School.

—Announced that a public hearing would be held at 7:30 p.m. June 14, on the city's 1971-72 budget.

Dr. Robert P. Lacey warned that infected animals—common foxes, skunks, bats, squirrels, dogs, cats and cows—can infect humans by transmitting rabies through bites or seemingly innocent ways such as licking skin which has been scratched. A diseased animal may show uncontrollable excitement. Biting and attacking with little or no provocation, or it may seek to be by itself and not respond to humans or other animals, Dr. Lacey said.

Thus animals behaving unusually are best left alone. Lacey recommended that pet owners have their animals vaccinated against rabies, that parents warn their children to stay away from wild or domestic stray animals, and that anyone bitten by an animal go to a doctor immediately.

FATAL DISEASE
Humans infected with rabies begin feeling feverish, headachy and have a sore throat, he said. Swallowing is difficult and painful, and as the disease progresses the infected person becomes nervous, excitable, and sometimes paralyzed. Rabies is almost always fatal. Every effort should be made to capture an animal that has bitten a human, and the health department should be notified, he said.

RATE HIKES APPROVED

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The Michigan Civil Service Commission has approved group health insurance rates from Aetna Insurance Co. and Blue Cross-Blue Shield effective July 1 for some 40,000 state employees.

TREASURER

Coloma Township Selects Palmer

COLOMA—In a 3-2 secret ballot, Robert E. Palmer, route 1 Sunset drive, was named by the Coloma township board last night to succeed resigning treasurer Mrs. Emma Clark.

Palmer was elected over Mrs. Hazel Schmidt, 28, also of the township, who had been nominated for the position by Mrs. Clark.

Action by the board came at a special meeting in the township hall. The two involved in the balloting were among six considered for the position.

Palmer is to be sworn into office June 7 and will serve until November, 1972, when Mrs. Clark's term would have expired. Mrs. Clark announced previously she was resigning because of health reasons and would remain only until a successor was named.

FORMER MAYOR

Palmer, 58, is the manager of the irrigation department of United Foods, Sodas, and at the age of 24 was elected mayor of Bangor and served two terms.

He is presently the vice chairman of the Berrien County Planning Commission, and a

member of the Coloma Township Tax Review board.

A resident of the township since 1955, Palmer is a former secretary of the county Republican committee.

In other business, township trustees set the rental of the township hall by kindergarten and fifth grade classes of the Coloma school system at \$3,540 for the past nine months.

COSTS EXPLAINED
Township Supervisor Roger Carter said, "The rental charge set by the board will cover the costs for increased heating, electricity, janitorial services, and pay for the refinishing of the hall dance floor and other needed decorating."

Since September Coloma school children have been using the upper portion of the township hall. Kindergarten classes began using a new addition just opened at Washington school Monday.

The board invited the 11 government students who participated in the student government day earlier this month to attend the June 7 board meeting.



ROBERT E. PALMER

Teens Face Narcotics Charge

NEW BUFFALO — Four Illinois youths arrested Monday afternoon at Warren Dunes state park were held over night in Berrien county jail for arraignment today on narcotics charges.

State police from the New Buffalo post were called by conservation officers, who detained the youths after confiscating two pipes and two bags of suspected marijuana.

Held on charges of possessing marijuana were Walter G. Anderson, 17, Roger V. Dunbar, 18, Fred K. Burt, 17, and Joseph W. Skorch, 17, all of Park Forest, Ill. A 16-year-old arrested with them was turned over to juvenile authorities.

Conservation officers Walter Mikula and Williams Edwards were making a routine patrol of the park about 1:30 p.m. Monday. The officers said they uncovered the pipes and suspected marijuana. The youths were detained until the arrival of Trooper Alan Engstrom.

Traffic Deaths

By The Associated Press
May 25 State Police count
This year 676
Last year 770

KILLED IN CRASH
NEWBERRY, Mich. (AP) — Daniel Mullenax, 24, of Newberry was killed Monday when his car overturned on a country road in Luce County's Lakefield Township.

EAU CLAIRE

Band Concert Scheduled For Tonight

EAU CLAIRE — Mike Petersen, band director at Eau Claire high school, has announced the first annual Pops and Awards concert to be held tonight at 7:30 in the high school gymnasium. The junior and senior high school bands will present a program of light concert selections and band awards will be presented to outstanding members. Admission is free.

RACE NOTATION OUT

DETROIT (AP) — The Michigan Civil Right Commission said Monday it will order the Jackson and Lansing police departments to remove race designations from traffic tickets.

Buchanan Tax Rate Up As Population Dips

BUCHANAN — City commissioners last night boosted the city's 1971 tax rate three mills to help finance a \$594,165 budget for city government operations in the fiscal year starting July 1.

Commissioners pegged the rate at 15 mills on equalized value of property and estimated the boost would produce about \$90,000 a year more. Each mill equals \$1 per \$1,000 of the equalized property value.

The budget, \$32,490 higher than the present budget and \$26,176 over a tentative budget for the new year as presented last month, includes funds for purchase of a new garbage collection packer truck, final settlement on urban renewal and the final payment to Penn Central railroad for work on the Red Bud Trail south project. The new packer truck is to cost about \$30,000.

Additional revenue from the increase is to offset projected loss on income sources from the state because of a drop in city population. The funds include income tax, state highway tax and sales tax refunds.

FUNDS CUT

A letter from the state highway department said \$7,433 was being cut from the city's motor vehicle highway funds this year because of the population drop.

In other areas, the commission authorized an agreement with Clyde E. Williams and Associates Inc. of South Bend to provide on-the-job inspection of the waste water treatment facilities now under construction. The state has ordered the city to have the facilities, which include equipment to remove phosphates and other pollutants, completed and in operation by Dec. 1972.

In other business, the commis-

sion: Authorized City Manager Robert Faulhaber to advertise for bids for a six month supply of gasoline for the city as of July 1. Cost for the first six months supply was 12.24 cents per gallon.

Granted permission to the Berrien County Juvenile court to use the former chamber of commerce building on Days avenue for a small claims court rent-free.

Named Faulhaber and Commissioner Edwin Padzer to a committee sponsored by the Buchanan Jaycees to investigate a proposed ambulance service to residents within the boundary of the Buchanan school district.

Adopted a resolution of appreciation to the Jaycees for a state flag presented to the city for the city hall.

Granted permission to the Lion's club to place a sight-mobile at the intersection of Main and Front streets, June 17, 18, and 19.

Granted permission to Boy Scout Troop 48 to hold a car wash at the city parking lot on Saturday, June 19.



MAN'S JOB: At 14, David Bell holds his first class FCC license in Traverse City, Mich., which qualifies him to serve as an engineer in any commercial broadcasting facility in the nation. David is a top pupil in junior high, and an all-A student in Northwestern Michigan College Vocational Tech electronics classes.

Covert Board Seat Is Filled

COVERT — In a special session last night, the Covert school board appointed Spencer Kenney to fill a board vacancy created by the resignation of Samuel Webb two weeks ago.

Kenney, a former board member and board president, is a candidate seeking a one year seat at the annual school election June 14.

In other action, the board voted to study a request submitted by township police officer, Russell McNeely, to sponsor a program of education through the school next fall to help students understand the duties of police officers.

The purchase of furniture and equipment considered previously was approved.

EIGHTEEN ROOMS

Paw Paw To Get Medical Building

PAW PAW — A \$55,000 medical building is planned for construction here, it was revealed at the village council meeting last night.

Plans for proposed construction of the 18-room building were revealed when the council gave their approval to an application for a building permit.

Dr. Neil R. Mullins of Gobles

applied for the permit, according to Harry Bush, superintendent of public works.

Bush said that according to the application, the medical building and offstreet parking is planned for three lots at the intersection of North and Hazen streets, just west of Lake View community hospital.

The 64-foot by 44-foot building will be of a wood frame and have a brick veneer, Bush told the council.

In other action, the council: —Gave first approval to an ordinance governing the drilling of private water wells. The ordinance supersedes a present village ordinance and incorporates the latest state regulations outlining requirements for drilling and private well usage. If the ordinance is approved in subsequent readings, it will become effective June 24.

—Referred to its administrative committee for study a petition signed by 28 Main street merchants asking that the business district be closed to traffic for the annual Grape and Wine Festival Sept. 23-26. The petition was circulated and presented to the council by Paw Paw Jaycees.

—Voted to charge an adult softball league \$40 for the season for use of lights at Tyler athletic field.

River Valley Will Ask For 3.33 Millage Hike June 14

THREE OAKS — The River Valley school board last night voted to seek approval of a 2.33 mill property tax levy in the June 14 school election to help operate the schools next year.

Supt. Harold Sauser said the added income from the one-year levy was needed to continue school operations at present levels in view of a five per cent boost in operating costs because of inflation.

Sauser said the millage would produce about \$133,000 a year toward the operational costs. The tentative budget for 1971-72, he said, is \$1,749,678.

If approved, the district's millage would be boosted to 27.176 mills on state equalized value of property. Each mill equals \$1 per \$1,000 of the state figure.

In other areas, the board heard a notice of hearings by the state department of education on the property transfer request of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Reitz, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Berndt, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Petersen and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dickinson. The request for transfer to the Bridgman school district from the River Valley district was denied by the intermediate school district and will be heard in Lansing tomorrow beginning at 10 a.m.

The board also granted one-year leave of absence to

Raymond Anderson, a New Troy middle school teacher.

Decided to offer a contract for reemployment to James Mebek for the 1971-72 school year.

Received notice from the county tax allocation board that the tentative allocation to the district is \$,676, each mill representing approximately \$40,000.

Received a report from the state department of education that the remedial reading reimbursement would be only \$11,084 rather than the anticipated \$24,285, because the state is paying only 45 per cent of the amounts called for in the state aid act.

Named 10 people to the election board for the June 14 election and set their fee at \$20 each.

Announced a summer school program for preschool, kindergarten, first and second grade children under a federally funded Title I project with approximately 130 students, 8 teachers and 4 teacher aides.

Announced a summer school program under Title VI, special education, for preschool children only.

Announced a summer band program for fifth and sixth grade bands from August 10-27 on a tuition basis, to cost approximately \$5 per student.